

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
MAY 18, 2005**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, May 18, 2005, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

Call to Order.

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Councilmembers	
John Schroeder	Present
Bradley Seger	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Present
Renee Kabrick	Absent
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. Six of the seven members were in attendance which constitutes a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. Regular monthly common council meeting held April 20, 2005.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter and seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Boy Scouts. Scouts Logan Messmer from Troop 185 and Andrew Eutsler from Troop 180 were present. The scouts are working on merit badges.

Utility Service Board. Utility Service Board Chairman Greg Krodel presented a report of the regular monthly meeting held on May 16, 2005. Copies of the minutes were supplied to each council member. Councilmember Bradley Seger complimented Mr. Krodel and the other members of the Utility Service Board. He said they deal with a lot of big issues and do a super job.

Road Markings. Joan Schwenk, 575 N. Truman Road, asked why there were green paint marks on North Truman Road and wanted to know if the road was to be closed at any time. Mayor Schmitt responded that he was not aware of any

plans to close the road and surmised that the markings were to do with a planned development near Carroll Street.

Dubois County Area Development Corporation. Mayor Schmitt introduced Bob Grewe, Director of the Dubois County Area Development Corporation. Mr. Grewe invited Councilmembers to visit his office in the former Gramelspacher/Gutzweiler building on Main Street and announced there would be an Open House on June 13, 2005.

Friends of the Arts. Robert McCarty, President of Friends of the Arts, spoke of the cultural and educational opportunities in the community. He also explained that the organization is interested in continuing to be a positive influence on young people and hope these people return to this area. Jeanne Campbell, Vice President of the Friends of the Arts, reported that the Greater Jasper Consolidated Schools and the Jasper Community Arts Commission have teamed up to become one of 12 programs across the country to be chosen to partner with the Kennedy Center.

Gas Contractor's License. Mayor Schmitt presented an application for a Gas Contractor's License from Randall S. Judy. The applicant scored 88% on the test and is employed by A/C, Furnace & Faucets Inc.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Bradley Seger and seconded by Councilmember John Schroeder to approve the application for a Gas Contractor's License submitted by Randall S. Judy, 1339 W. Andrew Lane, Jasper, Indiana. Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2005-9 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1988-36, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONNECTION TO AND USE OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEWERS AND DRAINS, THE INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION OF BUILDING SEWERS, AND THE DISCHARGE OF WATERS AND WASTES INTO THE PUBLIC SEWER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF

Ordinance No. 2005-9 requires the inspection of property for proper sanitary sewer connection prior to the change of ownership.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, and approved 6-0, the ordinance was ordered read on second reading by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Raymond Howard, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta, the ordinance was approved 6-0 on the second reading.

During discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein reported that the ordinance was introduced on April 20, 2005. Mayor Schmitt stated that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management encourages communities to adopt such ordinances.

Thereafter, upon motion by Councilmember Bradley Seger, seconded by Councilmember John Schroeder, and carried 6-0, it was moved to have the ordinance read on third and final reading by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember John Schroeder, Ordinance No. 2005-9 was approved by a vote of 6-0 on the third and final reading.

Ordinance No. 2005-10 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2002-43, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR RENTAL AND ASSOCIATED COSTS OF THE JASPER ARTS CENTER AND FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN JASPER ARTS CENTER PROGRAMS.

Ordinance No. 2005-10, adds a handling fee to the cost of JCAC series tickets.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Howard and approved 6-0, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Randall Buchta, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Howard and approved 6-0, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, it was moved to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2005-10. The measure passed 6-0.

Arts Director Darla Blazey reported that the fees would be used to offset administrative costs on the new ticket software that is being installed. She stated that the software will enable better tracking of ticket sales and will print tickets in-house.

Ordinance No. 2005-11 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND RETAINING A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT ON THE SAME PROPERTY.

Ordinance No. 2005-11 vacates Schlachter Avenue.

Upon motion by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Howard, and approved 6-0, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Bradley Seger and seconded by Councilmember Raymond Howard, and approved 6-0, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter, it was moved to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2005-11. The measure passed 6-0.

Ordinance No. 2005-12 AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF A PUBLIC ALLEY.

Ordinance No. 2005-12 vacates an alley located between 36th and 37th Streets in O. Eckerle's Victory Villa 6th Addition.

Upon motion by Councilmember Randall Buchta, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and approved 6-0, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember John Schroeder, seconded by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter and approved 6-0, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember John Schroeder and seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger, it was moved to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2005-12. The measure passed 6-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Ambrose Schitter to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

William J. Schmitt, Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary